

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS COMMITTEE OF THE UNIFIED BOARD  
OF THE DIVISION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 26 March 2008**

**PLACE: Department of Administration  
1 Capitol Hill 2nd floor, Conference Room B  
Providence, RI 02908**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Messieurs: Bernardo, Smith, Capezza, Jr., and  
Fairbanks, Jr.**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Brian M. Moore, PE Emeritus Member  
Peter N. Dennehy, Esq.**

**Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant**

**ABSENT: Richard W. Bernstein, Esq.**

**CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Bernardo called the meeting to order  
at 12:00 PM to commence Board business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**(1) The Unified Board will be approving the forthcoming minutes of  
this 26 March 2008**

**Professional Engineers Committee meeting at their 23 April 2008**

meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. at 12:32 PM to move into Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a) (4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. moved to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to open meeting at 2:10 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4). Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. at 2:10 PM to reconvene to Open Meeting in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4) and seal the Minutes of the Executive Session. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. moved to record the votes taken in executive session in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4) as follows. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to confirm in open session the votes to close the following: P2008-6 August Kreuzkamp, PE vs. Coastline Consulting, LLC, P2008-9 The Professional Engineers Committee vs. John Gaskell, C2006-10 John Vit vs Steven

**Bogle, PE and C2006-13 The Professional Engineers Committee vs Sharon Raymond/AMEC. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**(3) Correspondence from NCEES Executive Director to Dr. White  
So noted and filed.**

**(4) Approval of Brian M Moore, PE as Emeritus Member  
So noted and filed.**

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**(5) Correspondence sent to James Lee, Esq. Chief of the Civil Division, Department of the Attorney General  
Chairman Bernardo sent correspondence to James Lee, Chief of the Civil Division, Department of the Attorney General stating that by statute it was the Professional Engineer Committee's interpretation that they would have representation from the Attorney General's office. Mr. Lee responded that it is not the way he interprets the statute and that based upon the recent legislation the Department of Business Regulation's legal staff is qualified to help the committee and that any difficulty in bringing disciplinary actions should be addressed to Attorney Bernstein, Department of Business Regulation Legal Counsel to resolve whatever issues are causing that difficulty.**

#### **(6) ELSE Proposal**

**Chairman Bernardo reviewed the ELSE proposal and informed the Professional Engineers Committee that ELSE charges between \$285.00 and \$300.00 dollars to proctor examinations. Vice Chairman Smith asked Ms. Marshall to contact Pam Powell at NCEES headquarters and get a price on what it would cost the candidates if the Professional Engineers Committee paid for the examination site.**

#### **(7) Correspondence from Sandra L. Skogen, Idearc Media Corp.**

**Chairman Bernardo asked Ms. Marshall for an update on the status of replacing a notice in the Yellow Pages stating a phone number where the public can contact the Professional Engineers Committee with any questions pertaining to engineers. Chairman Bernardo asked that this remain on the agenda until such time as Ms. Marshall receives an answer from Ms. Skogen, at Idearc Media Corp. regarding placement of this notice in the Yellow Pages.**

#### **(8) NCEES Examination Fee Increases**

**Vice Chairman Smith asked that the price increases for the PE examinations effective October 2008 be placed on the agenda. The Professional Engineers Committee had recently raised the price of the PE examination application to two hundred dollars effective 1 January 2008 to cover the cost of the purchase and scoring of the examination. The Professional Engineers Committee may want to consider increasing the cost of the PE application due to the October**

2008 increase. Ms. Marshall explained to the Professional Engineers Committee that it is the Director of the Department of Business Regulation's decision that these examinations be outsourced. Chairman Bernardo asked that Ms. Marshall proceed with acquiring the ELSE cost for proctoring these examinations minus the charge for the examination site. The Professional Engineers Committee will write to the Director once Ms. Marshall obtains the cost.

**(9) Correspondence received from Richard Pastore, PE regarding DEM bill S2626**

The Department of Environmental Management's bill S2626 is proposing a change to the qualifying criteria for taking examinations and the potential creation of a new class or sub-class of ISDS designers. Installers would now be qualified to take an examination to be licensed to design certain types of repairs and alteration applications. Secretary Capezza, Jr. will write a response on behalf of the Professional Engineers Committee to the Senate Committee and to the Department of Environmental Management. Secretary Capezza, Jr. will forward this response to Attorney Dennehy for proper distribution.

**APPLICATIONS**

**(10) Jonah M. Israelit**

Correspondence will be sent to Mr. Israelit to set an appointment with Vice Chairman Smith to review his professional experience qualifications to sit for the PE examination.

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**(11) Danielle Landers**

**Ms. Landers met with the Professional Engineers Committee and explained that she had taken and passed the NCEES Civil PE exam in California but had not passed the Seismic portion and therefore was not registered in California. The Professional Engineers Committee told Ms. Landers that a person couldn't be granted comity in Rhode Island unless they are registered in another state. The Committee told Ms. Landers that her options were to either try to get registered in another state or take and pass the Seismic Portion of the California exam and get registered in California or sit for the NCEES PE exam in Rhode Island. The Professional Engineers Committee would be willing to contact the California Board to see if they could proctor the Seismic Portion of the California exam in Rhode Island. Ms. Landers explained to the Professional Engineers Committee that she would review her options and get back to them.**

**C.O.A. APPLICATIONS;**

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Smith to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 26 March 2008 list for Corporations, COA'S renewing, and Soles as noted in the**

**specific disciplines mentioned with the exception of (0), which were denied. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNED:**

**Chairman Bernardo informed the Professional Engineers Committee that the next meeting would be scheduled for 23 April 2008 at 12:00 noon. Motion was made by Secretary Capezza, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 PM. Motion seconded by Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. Motion carried.**

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**SOLES    PAID    COMMENTS**

**MICHAEL J. DEROTTO      0 OK CIVIL**

**STEPHEN R. MUSCHIANO      0 OK ENVIRONMENTAL**



**PUSTOLA & ASSOC. ENGINEERS/CONSTRUTOR, LLC \$125 OK  
CIVIL**

**PARTNERSHIP**

**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

**CORPORATIONS**

**BSA LIFE STRUCTURES INC. \$125 OK MECHANICAL**

**TELGIAN CORPORATION \$125 OK  
MECHANICAL**

**CANNON BOSTON, INC., dba CANNON DESIGN OK NAME  
CHANGE**

**COA #5891 Name Change from Cannon Boston, Inc. \$50**

**LANKFORD & ASSOCIATES**

**ADD GREG FENDLER AS RESP. CHG. 0**

**MODJESKI AND MASTERS \$50 OK CIVI**

**RENEWED AND CHANGED RESP. CHARGE TO  
BARNEY MARTIN**

**SMITH GROUP, INC. \$50 OK**

**NAME CHG. FROM SMITH GROUP MIDATLANTIC, INC.  
TO SMITH GROUP**

**UP FOR DENIAL –(No response to request for Good Standing)`**

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